

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING October 3, 2006

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met October 3, 2006, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Eriksen.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Rev. Arnold Cochran.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Richard Hartman was absent. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW – Chairman Eriksen read the notice of the open meeting law.

CONSENT AGENDA – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accepted and placed on file the minutes from the September 19, 2006 meeting
2. 2b Approved the emergency protective custody letter of agreement and authorized the Chair to sign
3. 2c Approved Resolution #06-0076 to correct the name of the company on the conditional use permit for Illinois PCS Wireless
4. 7 Approved the final tax rates
5. 15 Accepted and placed on file communications from Regional Planning
6. 16a Approved the bi-weekly pay claims
7. 16b Approved the salary adjustment for the safety director this was for the transition period from the previous director to the new director while the training is taking place.
8. 16c Approved the early claim for Richards Wilcox Inc for County Court this is for a filing system that was purchased through the equipment improvement reserve fund the claim went back for signatures and missed the processing deadline
9. 24 Accepted and placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman was absent. Motion carried.

1a KAREN RATHKE - DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2006 AS HEARTLAND UNITED WAY MONTH – Karen Rathke and Bruce Smith were present. The United Way kick off luncheon was September 28 and they have a resolution for the board's consideration. This is the 60th anniversary of the United Way and they appreciate the hard work and dedication of the volunteers and all of the agencies. The proclamation was read.

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve Resolution #06-0077 a Resolution Proclaiming October 2006 as Heartland United Way Month.

1b LEX ANN ROACH DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT DEALING WITH FLAVORED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – Lex Ann Roach with Project Extra Mile was present to address the concern on alcopops that are soda pop flavored alcoholic drinks that are popular with 14 to 18 year olds. The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission has classified these beverages a beer instead of distilled spirits. This decision will impact the kinds in a negative way and she is asking the County Board to support this resolution.

Jeffries noted how difficult it is to have a liquor license cancelled and stated that he appreciates her work. Arnold noted in the resolution that the decision of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission does not agree with Nebraska State Statute and the attorney General's opinion was not clear.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve Resolution #06-0079 to support he efforts to reverse the decision of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman was absent. Motion carried.

4 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

4b DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REVISED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT- Lela Lowry was present. Discussions during the budget sessions prompted changes in the interlocal agreement. The joint City/County committee will submit a recommended budget to the Board of Supervisors and the City Council on or before June 15th and the County and City will adopt a budget by August 1st. The fiscal year for the department will be October 1st and to September 30th.

Arnold made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the revised interlocal agreement. This was also a recommendation of the joint committee. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman was absent. Motion carried.

4a DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HALL COUNTY/GRAND ISLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND GEOCOMM – Emergency Management director Lela Lowry stated that this agreement addresses the proposed mapping system for cell phones. It will allow the use of longitude and latitude to pinpoint locations. The total dollar amount is \$61,675.00 with a \$6,300.00 maintenance plan that will be paid for 5 years. The joint committee recommends approving this agreement. The public service commission has dollars to support this project. Ms. Lowry stated that 52% of the E911 calls are from cell phones. When travelers come through they have no idea where they are located and this mapping will provide the capability to locate the caller and to also follow up where they are.

Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that she has reviewed the agreement.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the contract agreement with Hall County and Geo Comm. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman was absent. Motion carried.

2a COUNTY ATTORNEY – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION SETTING FEES FOR VARIOUS ZONING TRANSACTIONS- Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham was present this resolution sets the fees for various zoning

transactions. These fees have been the same since 1982 and the fees are not covering the costs involved to do the advertising and sending the notices that are necessary.

Jeffries stated that the committee discussed this and he suggested that the fees for the conditional use permits should be the same because it involves the same amount of work. Regional Planning Director Chad Nabity stated that setting the same fee for the permits is not inappropriate and a \$500.00 fee covers the cost of the advertising, notices and staff time that is involved. Jeffries also noted that sometimes it is necessary to purchase a new pickup and some of the funds could be used for this purpose.

Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve Resolution #06-0078 setting the fees for various zoning transactions. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman was absent. Motion carried.

6 9:45 A.M. SHARON HUEFTLE UPDATE REGARDING THE SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT – Executive Director Sharon Hueftle and Grand Island EDC Director Marlan Ferguson were present. Ms. Hueftle stated that there are now 12 development districts in the state; each district is one community with several population centers. These districts can apply for various grants. She also noted that there is a website where the communities can be listed. Ms Hueftle reviewed the grant information that SCEDD has received and applied for.

Arnold noted that Grand Island has an Economic Development Corporation but this district company is also important. He stated that Grand Island draws from the surrounding counties for employment purposes.

Jeffries stated that he did not support funding this and questioned how the dues were paid. Ms Hueftle stated that each county in this district pays the same amount but there are various ways that the dues are collected some are on a per capita basis. The districts also receive grant dollars.

Lancaster also noted that employers draw from a large area and that is vital to the county.

Grand Island EDC Director Marlan Ferguson was present and stated that he appreciates Sharon's work; it has helped their office in the terms of the rural areas. He noted that there are 5,000 people that come to Grand Island to work. They draw from a 50 or 60 mile radius. He also stated that they will qualify for grants and that will help both of them. Mr. Ferguson thanked Bob Humiston for serving on the board and stated that he is impressed with the relationships that have developed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Eriksen called for public participation and no one responded.

10 DISCUSSION ON EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2006 – County Clerk Marla Conley stated that she is proposing to have the employee recognition for November 17, 2006 at Plum Street Station. It was held in December last year and there was a snow storm that day. Jeffries suggested we should use a caterer from Hall County.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION SENIOR CITIZENS PERSONNEL – Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to go into executive session for the performance evaluation and executive session for senior citizens to prevent needless harm or injury to an individual. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

10:08 a.m. executive session performance evaluation

10:12 a.m. executive session senior citizens personnel

10:24 a.m. Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to authorize the personnel committee to present the performance evaluation to the county employee. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

25 COMMUNICATIONS – Eriksen asked if there were any communications to be brought forward to the board and no one responded.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Chairman Eriksen called for board members reports

Lancaster stated that the jail committee held the first owner contractor meeting and recommended to approve the contract with HWS Service. They were selected as the project manager and will do the inspection services on the construction. They were selected because they have a certified project manager. The total cost will be \$10,488.00 and there was \$15,000.00 budgeted to spend in that line item. Lancaster stated that she also participated in the "Principal for the Day" program that was put on by the public schools and she encouraged any of the supervisors to participate in this program. She was at Newell School and she distributed Hall County pencils, stickers from the Election Commissioner and badges from the police department and also had a large map of the County.

Humiston – He stated that the GIS and Computer Department went to St. Paul to address question on the GIS System. They provided information to them on the uses of the GIS System and how it could help.

Eriksen stated that last Thursday there was a meeting regarding the proposal to widen Highway #30 and there were a large number of people that attended. He stated that the board members may hear from some of the people regarding this proposal. They are proposing to close three railroad crossings and build an overpass. Jeffries stated that this project may not start until 2012 or 2013. He also noted that any time they plan to build an overpass they also propose to close some crossing.

Eriksen reminded the board members of the NACO convention in December and to let the County Clerk know if they are planning to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting will be October 17, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk